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1. Between 19 and 22 July 1954, the following military shipments were seen at the Templin railroad station:

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19 July. At 0900, unloading of about 20 trucks and 6 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia.

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21 July. At noon, 8 guns, presumably 122-mm field howitzers, 4 trucks and about 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets assembled for loading.

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22 July. At 1000, loading of 5 tanks [redacted] trucks [redacted] and about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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2. At about 1700 on 25 July, a train of 46 cars, carrying 18 trucks, 8 pontoons, 1 crane truck and 1 motorboat, was seen on the northern railroad bridge in Magdeburg. The train went east.

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3. On 26 July, 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 six-wheel armored personnel carriers and 20 trucks [redacted]

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were entrained for departure toward Neubrandenburg at the Neustrelitz railroad station.

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4. After 20 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne [redacted] in Schwerin was occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. During the last 2 weeks, three units with 100-mm AA guns and 122-mm field howitzers departed from and returned to, Kueger Kaserne [redacted] in Schwerin.

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1. Comment. Artillery units of the Fourth Gds Mech Army presumably returned from Altengrabow on 19 July. A shipment [redacted] went from Altengrabow to Zehdenick on 18 July. On 21 July, an artillery unit of the army possibly returned to its post from firing practices. A unit of the unidentified tank training battalion of the 23rd Tank

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Div was entrained on 22 July. Other information indicated that this unit returned to Prenzlau.

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2. [redacted] Comment: It is possible that the elements of the 36th Pz Bridge Regt of the GSFG which was transferred to Magdeburg on 18 and 19 July, probably for employment in the high-water area, returned to their training area east of Rosslau.

3. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] an AAA unit of the 9th Gds Tank DIV was entrained.

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4. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] units of the IX Mts Rifle Corps had transferred on 26 July, presumably to the Altenberghausen and/or Latzling Heath troop training grounds.

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[redacted] Units of the 10th Gds Pz Regt from Hindenburg Kaserne may have transferred to a training area for firing practices prior to that date. Units of the 4th Gds Arty Brig from Krueger Kaserne apparently conducted short-term exercises and/or firing practices in the vicinity of the post and the Pie Lewitz firing range during the month of July.

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